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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen, Treasurer, Auditors,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF CANTERBURY,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1874.

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REPORT.

Whole amount of taxes committed to the collector for 1873, was $8,294.50

The collector has discharged himself as follows:

Paid town treasurer cash and road certificates,	7,860.25
Amount remaining due from collector for 1873,	434.25
Whole amount of money on hand, abatements, &c., received by the treasurer from March 1, 1873, to March 1, 1874,	13,572.77
Amount of payments for the same time as above,	12,804.13
Balance in hands of treasurer, March 1, 1874,	768.64

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands of treasurer, March 1, 1873,	$1,558.98
Received of S. B. Foster, collector for 1872,	173.46
S. B. Foster, collector for 1873,	7,860.25
State treasurer, railroad tax,	119.48
State treasurer, savings bank tax,	597.50
State treasurer, literary fund,	110.70
State treasurer, U. S. bounty,	287.20
Merrimack county,	210.35
Received on note of town to Geo. A. Pickard,	117.00
" " " Ebenezer Glover,	30.00
" " " Tirzah A. R. Dow,	50.00
" " " Thomas Clough, guardian,	200.00
" " " Joseph M. Foster,	100.00
" " " Eunice Morse,	80.00
" " " Jedediah Saunders,	200.00
" " " Daniel Randall,	50.00
" " " Grover Merrill,	300.00
" " " Hiram Miles,	155.00

Received on note of town to			Joseph Pickard,	$150.00
"	"	"	S. C. Pickard,	60.00
"	"	"	John J. Railey,	600.00
"	"	"	Betsey H. Mathes,	125.00
"	"	"	Silas Q. Heath,	85.00
"	"	"	Mary E. Randall,	50.00
"	"	"	Henry S. Pickard,	50.00
"	"	"	Emily F. Hannaford,	155.00
"	"	"	Sarah J. Miles,	55.00
Received of Zebulon Smith, balance of his note,				42.85
				$13,572.77

EXPENDITURES.

Payment on Notes.

Nathan Emery,	$1,000.00
James S. Elkins,	794.90
Charles L. French,	934.25
S. C. Pickard,	61.00
John Lake,	251.08
Henry H. Houser,	312.25
John J. Railey,	613.17
Lowell T. Mason,	98.11
Franklin Kenniston,	100.00
Jedediah Saunders,	202.73
David Randall,	39.00
Thomas Clough,	203.60
Alfred S. Abbott, interest on B. Whidden fund,	12.00
	$4,622.09

Miscellaneous Bills.

Paid—

Thomas E. Chase, over-tax in 1872,	$1.70
Josiah B. Higgins, school-house tax for district No. 2,	13.67
A. B. Lovering, " 4,	125.00
James Forrest, for over-tax for 1873,	1.93
David Morrill, for bridge plank,	39.23
Joseph W. Rogers, for over-tax for 1872,	2.07
Morrill & Silsby, for stationery,	13.42
John Small, for work on road,	15.00
Augustus Gleason, non-resident tax and snowing bridge,	23.65
B. B. Nudd, for land damage awarded in 1870,	5.00

Paid—

B. W. Sanborn, for record book,	$8.00
James Moore & Son, for spikes,	10.50
Ralph Streeter, for work on bridge,	5.25
Freight bill on spikes,	.54
Carter & Brown, for spikes,	4.05
County tax,	1,104.21
S. C. Pickard, for iron bar lost,	3.00
Henry Annis, for preparing guy rods,	2.00
D. W. Morrill, non-resident highway tax, 1872,	2.13
Josiah B. Higgins, tax on colt that died,	.96
State tax,	1,992.00
John Gilman, for bounds set in 1870,	4.00
Frank Peverly, tax on dog that died,	1.00
David M. Foster, for breaking roads in 1871,	3.20
J. C. Sanborn, for one sheep killed by dogs,	6.00
Charles Glines, "	4.00
P. C. Clough, for three "	12.00
Geo. F. Blanchard, for one "	10.00
B. B. Nudd, for non-resident highway tax, 1873,	10.50
Sam'l Gilman, " 1872,	.75
E. P. Carter, for guide-post,	.25
E. G. Chase, for care of town house,	5.00
G. W. Peverly, for tax on dog not his,	1.00
Smith L. Morrill, tax on dog that died,	1.00
For town reports for 1873,	42.00
Albert Blanchard, for bridge plank,	1.50
Andrew J. Bennett, for oxen to break roads,	6.00
S. C. Pickard, for work planking bridges,	24.50
Charles Smith, for over-tax in 1873,	8.95
O. W. Dow, non-resident highway tax, 1873,	12.50
Rufus Boynton, "	7.80
J. K. Hancock, "	5.50
E. Osgood, over-tax for 1873,	10.32
L. B. Foster, for books for indigent children,	2.70
S. B. Foster, non-resident highway receipts and abatements,	152.83
	$3,706.61

Rubble Bill.

Paid—

Albert Blanchard, . . . for rubble,	$81.89
F. A. Fisk, "	123.35
G. F. Blanchard, "	110.76

Paid—

B. E. Pillsbury, ...	for rubble,	$95.43
E. L. Batchelder,	"	122.70
N. Blanchard,	"	106.36
A. J. Dearborn,	"	106.74
Henry F. Stone,	"	75.86
A. B. & G. L. Boise,	"	166.30
John C. Currier,	"	77.02
John S. Colby,	"	15.56
W. H. Carter,	"	80.25
J. P. Kimball,	"	162.31
B. F. Varney,	"	32.20
Samuel A. Morrill,	"	80.20
George P. Morrill,	"	29.70
Joseph Scales,	"	45.75
Joseph Glover,	"	65.52
Ai J. Smith,	"	114.77
W. E. Hayward,	"	57.14
W. W. Wheeler,	"	27.67
D. Morrill,	"	29.48
P. C. Clough,	"	13.67
John Snyder,	"	3.17
Samuel Gilman,	"	36.00
Augustus Gleason,	"	19.80
Thomas S. Tucker,	"	5.21
T. Welch,	"	5.21
M. F. Emery,	"	3.03
A. Clough,	"	11.67
Charles Smith,	"	22.33
John Gilman, for work on rubble,		13.00
C. P. Haines, "	"	7.25
M. E. Haines, "	"	8.00
J. W. Scales, for cutting bushes,		3.00
E. P. Carter, for rubble,		2.00
S. C. Pickard, for work on rubble,		94.00
		$2,054.30

Support of Paupers.

Paid for Mrs. F. H. Jenkins's burial,	$17.39
Mrs. Hiram Kimball,	58.50
Peter Paro,	28.00
Moses N. Dustin,	5.00
transient persons,	18.75

Paid for C. M. Davis,	$15.25
Polly Shaw,	70.00
Mary A. French,	225.87
Thomas Shaw,	6.29
Alonzo G. Foster,	49.91
S. C. Pickard, pauper service and expenses,	70.00
	$564.96

School Money.

Dist. No. 1. Paid Charles Smith,	$158.08
" 2. Daniel Randall,	81.11
" 3. W. F. Sargent,	89.68
" 4. Charles S. Osgood,	143.99
" 5. Lowell T. Mason,	105.01
" 6. James Lyford,	145.25
" 7. Dan. W. Morrill,	231.13
" 8. James S. Kaime,	159.13
" 9. Lewis J. Sargent,	43.80
" 10. S. C. Pickard,	89.40
" 11. Lewis Colby,	50.80
" 12. B. E. Pillsbury,	68.34
" 7, in Loudon,	16.28
	$1,382.00

Town Officers.

Paid—	
S. C. Pickard, services and expenses as selectman,	$99.50
" board of selectmen and postage,	42.25
O. W. Dow, services as selectman,	50.00
J. E. Kimball, "	46.00
A. H. Brown, treasurer, $30; town clerk, $25,	55.00
S. B. Foster, collector,	124.42
L. B. Foster, superintending school committee,	7.00
J. B. Higgins, "	25.00
J. Doldt, "	21.00
T. L. Whidden and D. M. Foster, auditors,	4.00
	$474.17

RECAPITULATION.

Paid on notes and interest,	$4,622.09
miscellaneous bills,	3,706.61
for rubble,	$2,054.30
support of paupers,	564.96
schools,	1,382.00
town officers,	474.17
	$12,804.13

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1874.

Note and interest, Mittie C. Clough,	$222.27
John Glines,	154.06
Fred. W. Ingalls,	130.49
Melinda Hoag,	544.70
Lowell Beck,	307.56
Franklin Kenniston,	188.70
Charles Jones,	2,382.30
Sally and Eliza Randall,	2,390.51
Lydia Carter,	77.40
Eliza M. P. Wiggin,	311.59
Sarah E. Wiggin,	121.93
Orianna Morrill,	53.84
Sarah Kenniston,	152.52
C. W. Emery,	93.58
Susan F. Cogswell,	504.66
Ella L. Carter,	32.11
Mary A. Carter,	31.83
Sarah J. Miles,	154.33
James S. Elkins,	5,822.86
James S. Elkins, F. B. S.,	1,162.62
Ann E. Ingalls,	375.86
Betsey S. Morrill,	576.21
Nathan Emery,	364.32
Moses M. Emery,	459.81
Grover Merrill,	1,162.43
Daniel Randall,	51.55
Joseph Pickard,	271.44
George A. Pickard,	120.01

Note and interest,	Henry S. Pickard,	53.00
	Sarah A. Evans,	53.63
	Dora S. Evans,	30.01
	Emily F. Hannaford,	155.62
	Silas Q. Heath,	89.33
	Betsey H. Mathes,	131.37
	Eunice Morse,	81.92
	Joseph M. Foster,	102.90
	Tirzah A. R. Dow,	50.90
	Ebenezer Glover,	30.55
	Hiram Miles,	900.65
Amount of liabilities on notes,		$19,901.37
Due from collector Foster,		$434.25
	Charles Smith,	103.26
	Stephen Wiggin,	41.55
Balance in hands of treasurer,		768.64
		$1,347.70
Balance against the town,		18,553.67
Amount of literary fund,		1,410.05
Amount held in trust from B. Whidden estate,		200.00

SAMUEL C. PICKARD,
OLWYN W. DOW,
JOSEPH E. KIMBALL,
Selectmen of Canterbury.

ALFRED H. BROWN, *Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned, appointed to audit the accounts of the selectmen and treasurer for the year ending March 1, 1874, have attended to our duty, and find said accounts correctly cast and properly vouched.

THOMAS L. WHIDDEN,
DAVID M. FOSTER,
Auditors.

SCHOOL REPORT.

District No. 1 *(Blanchard).*

Two terms of this school were taught by Miss Maria Carter, of Fisherville. Good progress in study was made, and very fair order and discipline maintained; though some found fault with the disorderly conduct of pulpils at recess and noon-time. Miss Carter writes as follows in her register: "My school has been a very pleasant one to me. I have labored hard to interest and instruct each scholar, and I feel that my labors have not been in vain. At one time there was a slight disturbance in the minds of some of the older scholars, caused by a report, which was not true, made by persons who were interested enough only to find fault. The scholars have made as good progress as I could expect, and they have treated me with love and respect, which I fully appreciate. Their kindnesses I shall not forget."

District No. 2 *(Upper West Road).*

Both terms taught by Miss Susie E. Dearborn. During the summer term order was good, but the progress of pupils was not satisfactory. Some of the smaller scholars made fair improvement, while the larger ones seemed to gain but little. In arithmetic the committee could discern no progress. The winter term appeared better. The scholars manifested more interest, and, as a result, made commendable improvement in all studies attended to.

District No. 3 *(Borough).*

This school was taught by Miss Cynthia E. Mathes, of Columbia. She gave much attention to her six pupils, as was evident

at the examination, when they appeared very well. The teacher is to be commended for her patience and fidelity to her work; also the pupils for their improvement.

District No. 4 *(Baptist)*.

The summer term of this school was taught by Miss Mellie L. Fellows, of Concord. The teacher failed to interest the scholars in their work, and some of the larger ones left before the close of the term. Experience may help to make Miss F. a successful instructor; but this school term was a failure. Whether the blame rested on the teacher or scholars is not sure. Probably both.

The second term was taught by Miss Frances A. Pickard. The school appeared quiet and pleasant; but there was a lack of drill in classes, and of energy and enthusiasm in the school. We copy from Miss P.'s register as follows: "The term has passed very pleasantly. It seems but a short time since it commenced. This is my fourth term; but I never really enjoyed teaching before. The scholars have attended regularly, and have been studious and obedient. We all feel very grateful for the use of the horse-shed as a play-room, where both teacher and pupils have participated in many a lively game. We have endeavored to make the term both pleasant and profitable, and I think we have succeeded quite well."

District No. 5 *(Hackleborough)*.

Summer term taught by Miss Emma J. Jones. Miss Jones fully sustained her former high reputation as a teacher. Although the term was short, yet marked improvement was made by every scholar. Both teacher and pupils manifested an interest which amounted to enthusiasm. One secret of Miss Jones's success as a teacher is her pleasing and interesting method of giving instruction. She is not confined to text book, conducting some recitations entirely without reference to the book, illustrating the lessons by object-teaching, and familiar, practical examples. The school was a perfect success.

Winter term taught by Miss Nellie F. Whittemore, of Loudon. The district was fortunate again in getting a teacher who understands her work, and endeavors to do it faithfully. We think the term quite as successful as the preceding. The examination and closing exercises were very interesting and satisfactory, and were witnessed by a large number of citizens from this and the adjoining districts.

Perhaps, where all did so well, it is needless to particularize; but the committee cannot withhold a special word of commendation to the classes in common school arithmetic, physiology, and algebra. No. 5 has some excellent scholars, both in deportment and scholarship, and it is usually fortunate in selecting its teachers.

District No. 6 *(Hill's Corner)*.

Both terms of this school were taught by Miss Nancie M. Foster, who sustains a high reputation as a teacher, and rarely fails of success. A little trouble during the winter arose among some of the larger scholars, but was settled without hindering materially the progress of the school, which appeared well at the examination, and evinced thoroughness in drill.

In regard to the trouble above alluded to, we copy from Miss Foster's register as follows: "I have taught in this district three terms, the first two of which proved very pleasant to me, and, judging from those two, I had every reason to believe the third and last would be equally pleasant; and no doubt it would, had it not been for the evident determination of J. A. Osgood, one of my largest and oldest scholars, to injure the school by repeated acts of wilful disobedience, which were not only of the utmost disgrace to him as a scholar, but detrimental to the whole school. All talking and reasoning seemed vain. I saw that such a course must be tolerated no longer. I therefore told him that a meeting of the committee must be called, and some action taken concerning his conduct. Soon after this he came to me, acknowledging his misdemeanors, at the same time assuring me that I should be troubled no more by him; that his

conduct the remainder of the term should be all that is requisite for a good scholar. I prepared for no deception in this, and told him that, such being the case, we would drop the past and commence anew. Everything worked quite smoothly till about two days before the close of the term, when disobedient acts were renewed, and made, if possible, more conspicuous than before. He also gave utterance to some very impertinent and unbecoming expressions, thereby displaying much ignorance which he evidently thought brilliancy. Carefully considering these unjust and ungrateful deeds, I feel it a duty, and nothing more than justice to him, to render this exposure."

District No. 7 *(Centre)*.

The three terms of this school were taught by Miss Emma J. Jones, who has sustained her previous reputation as a model teacher. She has given her entire energies to advance her pupils in their various studies, and has had the satisfaction of seeing her labors abundantly rewarded. The pupils made great advancement in every branch of study during these terms; for the energy and thoroughness of the teacher roused the enthusi asm of the scholars to their appropriate work. This may be considered a first class school in all points.

District No. 8 *(Shakers)*.

Both terms of this school were very successful, though we think the progress during the summer term was more marked than in the winter. The Shakers have the best arranged and the best supplied school-room in town. The pupils are second to none in discipline and scholarship. The teacher of the summer term, Asenath C. Stickney, possesses rare talent for this service. Her classes evinced a thoroughness and readiness in all their recitations rarely seen. The class in anatomy and physiology gave interesting lectures, illustrating with outline maps.

The winter term, taught by Miss Elizabeth Martin. This was her first term as teacher. The pupils made commendable advancement. Great attention was given to the elements of lan-

guage, correct pronunciation, &c. None of the studies seemed to have been passed over carelessly or superficially. This school seems to have adopted the motto that "What is worth doing, is worth doing well."

The Shakers deserve much praise for the pains and interest manifested by them in the education of the youth committed to their care.

District No. 9 *(Ingalls)*.

This school is united with the adjoining district in Loudon, and is examined by the school committee of that town. The winter term was taught by Mr. Clarence L. Clough, of Loudon, who has kindly forwarded to us a register of his school, which numbered fifteen scholars, eight of whom are from Canterbury. The summer term was taught by Miss McCutchins, of Loudon; but she sent us no register.

According to unofficial reports, both terms were successful; and there is no doubt that No. 9 gains advantage from its union with another district.

District No. 10 *(Depot)*.

Summer term taught by Miss Louise M. Pickard. Several scholars attended from adjoining districts, which added to the interest of the school. Commendable progress was made by all the pupils. The lessons passed over seemed to have been learned thoroughly. The teacher tried to interest her scholars, and succeeded. The committee saw much in the school to commend, and only one thing to censure—lack of order. We think that, with a little more attention to discipline, Miss Pickard would make one of our very best teachers.

The winter term was taught by Miss Sarah M. Colby. We consider Miss Colby an excellent teacher. She seemed to be devoted to her work. Progress made by the scholars was satisfactory. On three previous visits, the committee could not fail to notice a pernicious habit of whispering; but on the last, we were pleased to observe that this evil had been, to a great extent, overcome.

Miss Colby writes in her register as follows: "How quickly and, in most respects, pleasantly have passed the few weeks of my connection with this school. Probably, as the effect of a long vacation, at first there was not manifested a great desire to learn; but, as the school progressed, I think the scholars were diligent. I have tried my best to interest them, and trust that my efforts have not been entirely in vain. I have met with uniform kindness from scholars and parents, for which I am grateful."

District No. 11 *(Upper Intervale).*

One term taught by Miss Abbie L. Copp, of Tilton. This was a very successful school. Miss Copp maintained good order without severe measures. The improvement made in all the branches taught was commendable, and the appearance of the scholars at the examination excellent. This district has a small amount of school money, but the parents manifest a lively interest in the education of their children; and, considering their advantages, there are here some of the best scholars in town.

District No. 12 *(Carter).*

One term, taught by Miss M. Ellen Moody. She seemed interested for her pupils, and we think did all she could to instruct them; but she failed to maintain good order. A mistake was made at the beginning of the school in submitting the government of the larger boys to their sense of honor and right. That sense of honor was not sufficiently developed to secure good order. They abused the teacher's confidence, and proved themselves unfit for self-government. When she found it necessary to exert her authority, the scholars did not respect it; consequently there was more or less of disorder during the term. Notwithstanding these discouragements, the pupils made quite good progress in all the studies pursued.

In conclusion, we think the schools during the past year have been quite profitable. Some of the terms have been too short

for the pupils to make much improvement. It seems to us that the money expended in a term of six weeks is more than half lost. Some remedy should be provided for this. The money for one year should all be expended in one term, or two small districts should unite, or the school district system should be abolished.

The school-houses are all in very good repair, except those in Nos. 3, 6, and 11. During the year the citizens of No. 4 have expended $125 for repairs. No. 2 also raised some money for needed repairs. No. 7 raised money by subscription to purchase wall maps, a thing that other districts would do well to do. Through the enterprise of the teacher in No. 7, and the prudential committee, the windows of the school-room were furnished with curtains. These little improvements do much to make the school an attractive place.

LYMAN B. FOSTER,
J. B. HIGGINS,
JAMES DOLDT,
Superintending School Committee.

Canterbury, Feb. 28, 1874.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Neither absent nor tardy during Summer Term.

DIST. No. 1.
Lucie A. Scales,
Sadie E. Woods,
Flora B. Nudd,
Willie N. Blanchard.

DIST. No. 2.
Lettie Horn,
Emma Randall,
Etta Randall.

DIST. No. 5.
Etta Pickard,
Mary E. Pickard,
Frank A. ———,
Seth W. Jones,
Mary S. Jones.

DIST. No. 6.
Nora Dow,
Lizzie Dow,
Frank Brown,
Thomas Chaplain.

DIST. No. 7.
Abbie E. Bennett,
Anna G. Gale,
Minnie F. Gale,
Clarence S. Gale,
Ida G. Kimball,
Bessie A. Parker,
Angie S. French,
Georgie C. Batchelder,
Frank W. Morrill,
Charlie E. Morrill,
Willie S. Moore.

DIST. No. 8.
Jennie H. Fish,
Jeannette Forrest,
Mabell Liscomb,
Rosalind Locke,
Cora M. Newhall.

DIST. No. 10.
Clara Pickard,
Arthur Pickard.

Neither absent nor tardy during Fall Term.

DIST. No. 1.
Flora B. Nudd.

DIST. No. 7.
Anna G. Gale,
Minnie F. Gale,
Angie S. French,
Frank W. Morrill,
Charlie E. Morrill,
Georgie C. Batchelder,
Clarence S. Gale.

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